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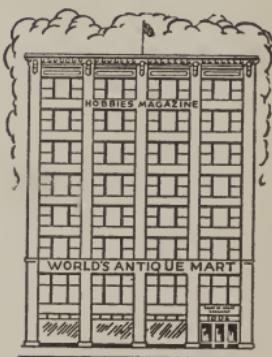
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Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

Jumbo Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

Elephants are well represented by a number of the mechanical banks and comprise a very interesting group of these intriguing animated toy savings devices. This group is not only desirable to the collector of mechanical banks, but also to the many individuals who collect elephant items as a hobby. As we reach No. 100 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks our choice is one that well represents the elephant category. This is the Jumbo Bank, and it is a dual purpose cast iron toy since it not only served as a savings bank, but could also be played with as a pull toy.

The Jumbo Bank is very much like the Light Of Asia (HOBBIES, October, 1956) and unquestionably both banks were made by the same concern. This manufacturer is still an unknown factor as, to the best of the writer's knowledge, no patent papers, old catalogs, or anything else have turned up which would furnish information of this kind. There are no dates or markings of any type on the bank itself and certain characteristics are not indicative of any one manufacturer in particular.

There are possibilities it was made by the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn., or Kyser & Rex of Philadelphia, Pa., but nothing conclusively indicates either one, and some other company may well have made the bank.

The definite period in which it was made is very well established under the circumstances of the writer obtaining his specimen of the Jumbo. The history of this particular bank is rather sad, however, it definitely dates the bank and also accounts for its excellent "like new" condition.

The bank pictured was obtained by the writer from Mrs. J. G. Harrington of Paris, Ill., a number of years ago. It was originally purchased by her uncle, C. W. Moore, in Georgetown, Vermillion County, Ill., March 12, 1883. He had bought it as a gift for his little boy's second birthday, but his son died on March 14, 1883 without ever seeing the bank. It was kept by the Moore family and never used or played with over the years. Subsequently the parents passed on and no close relatives remained and the bank

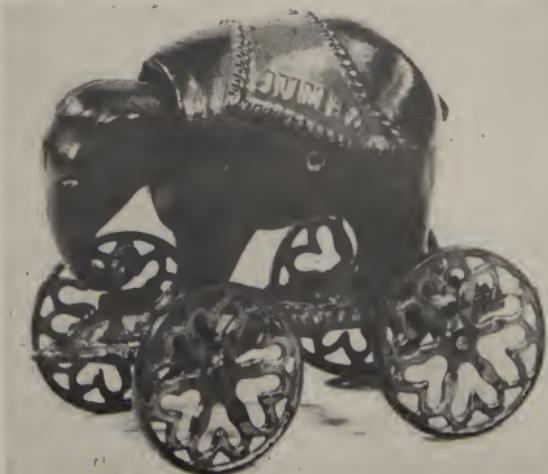
came into the possession of Mrs. Harrington. It is rather exceptional for the writer to have first-hand information of this kind surrounding a mechanical bank's history and it does seem unfortunate that the circumstances would be of such touching nature.

The bank, of course, is in new original condition and the paint is practically mint. The Elephant is a dark brown and he has a red blanket on his back with the name "Jumbo" in gold. His mouth is red and he had white eyes with black pupils. The base and wheels are green with gold outlining and highlighting.

The operation of the bank is quite simple. A coin pushed into the provided slot in the elephant's back causes his head to nod up and down. The deposited coins remain inside the elephant and it is necessary to remove the screw that holds the elephant together in order to take the coins from the bank.

As stated in the article on the Light Of Asia, it was the writer's opinion that the Jumbo Bank may have been an altered example of the Light Of Asia made to coincide with P. T. Barnum and his acquiring the famous elephant "Jumbo" from the London Zoological Gardens in 1882. This would now seem definitely borne out by the fact that the Jumbo Bank is in the period of 1883 as proved by the writer's specimen of the bank. It is logically quite certain that it had to do with this event irrespective of its being an altered model of the Light Of Asia.

A word of caution is in order here. Both the Light Of Asia and Jumbo should have the fine heart type of wheels as shown in the picture. Due



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to the fact that a photo of a specimen of this bank, with small automobile type wheels, received some degree of circulation, the false impression was given that these wheels were proper. This is not so, and as a matter of fact the writer knows of several cases where these wrong type wheels have been substituted for the fine original ones due to a lack of knowledge on the part of the individuals involved. In addition to this, some Jumbo Banks have been sold as completely original with just the Elephant and no base or platform and wheels. The bank was obviously not made in this fashion since all specimens which consist of the Elephant only show signs where the lugs have been ground off the legs. These lugs fastened the animal to the wheeled base. The bank is only complete and original when it is as the one shown in the picture. This also applies to the Light Of Asia.

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By CHARLES FRENCH

The rise in coin values has affected nearly all kinds of coins. But extremely high prices only apply to certain types and to coins in the proper condition.

Some reporters' stories in newspapers about coin values very often tend to overrate as to the circumstances surrounding the sale of a valuable coin.

Frequently the story is written up on one person's "say so" without thorough checking as to the accuracy of estimated valuations. This has happened several times as regards the 1943 copper cent which has been reportedly sold at \$35,000, \$25,000, \$10,000, etc., etc. The only actual sale was where one sold at auction in Texas last year for \$700.

We also sometimes find misleading advertisements, in some cases, come-ons for the sale of coin books. These advertisements offer fabulous prices, such as "\$1,000 paid for small cents before 1950," or "\$5,000 for Liberty nickels before 1914." And even such inexplicable statements are made as \$10,000 paid for a 1919 silver dollar."

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As to the \$5,000 offer, the only nickel that could come under this category would be the 1913 Liberty Head nickel in BRILLIANT PROOF CONDITION, of which there are only five known and all are accounted for.

As to the 1919 silver dollar, no dollars were coined in 1919, and that would be a non-existent coin.

Any one of these offers would likely whet the non-collecting public's desire to send a dollar and get the coin book in hopes that some of the badly worn coins they have kicking around might be these extremely rare and practically impossible to acquire coins.

See our many values on the inside back cover of this issue.

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With respect to the sale of coin books, I know of one person who, through diligent advertising for over 10 years is said to have sold some 8 million coin books at \$1 each. This in itself is a business worth as much or more than the rare coins listed in the book.

An article appeared in a paper sometime ago by someone unknown who proudly stated that Confederate money is now worth more than its original face value. Now everyone who has a Confederate bill and who reads that article immediately comes to the conclusion that his bill, no matter what denomination, or condition, is worth more than face value.

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True, there are a few worth more than face value. They are, first, certain varieties of the 50¢ notes. These can sell from three to five times face value. The \$1 and \$2 notes sell for more than face value.

The only high denomination notes that sell for over face value are the extremely rare 1861 Montgomery, Ala. series, outstanding of which are the \$1,000 notes, selling at from \$1,250 to \$1,500, and the \$500 notes selling at around \$750.

It is unfortunate that the non-collector sees these prices for bills and coins and without further thought immediately comes to the conclusion that condition is not taken into account. All high prices offered for coins are for specimens in the top grade of condition, notes included.

To get coins or paper money in this condition is very, very difficult. These usually only come from collections of numismatic material carefully put away many years ago, not from the helter-skelter savings of old coins so frequently come across.

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A friend of mine found this French coin while serving in the military in Austria. The date is 1871 and leads us to believe it isn't authentic. Will you kindly clear this up for us and appraise this coin? See pencil rubbing.

—H. K. K., Pennsylvania

Answer:

This is a current minor coin of Morocco. The date is Mohammedan and would correspond to a 20th century coin. Retail value is 5c.

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Question:

Could you tell me what this silver dollar is worth? See pencil rubbing.

—V. C., Pennsylvania

Answer:

The Canadian silver dollar dated 1939, if uncirculated retails for \$3, if very fine it retails for \$1.75.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Am writing for advice on Confederate money. Would like to know the value of a \$20.00 Confederate bill, dated 1864. Also would like to know if reprints of Confederate bills are worth anything.

—V.E.B., New York

Answer:

Reprints of Confederate money are valueless. The 1864 \$20 retails for \$2 crisp new, \$1 fine.

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Question:

Could you please tell me from this outline drawing what type coin I have and if it is of any value?

—Mrs. D. D., Iowa

Answer:

Your coin is a two mark piece of Germany valued at about 50c.

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Question:

Could you please identify and give me value of the Napoleon 5 Franc piece, of 1808? See rubbings.

—B. A., Wisconsin

Answer:

Your coin is a 5 Franc piece silver of Napoleon, Emperor of France in 1808. Its value is \$4 retail.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Can you tell me anything about the tiny gold coin, Spanish, I believe, which I can find little about? (See pencil rubbings.) I enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your reply.

—H. H. Jr., New York

Answer:

It is a gold $\frac{1}{2}$ Escudo coin of Charles III of Spain apparently struck at the Madrid mint, (not sure of this as it is not too clear). Retails for around \$8 to \$10.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Here is a drawing of silver metal. Could you please tell me its age and worth?

Also did Bosnia and Herzegovina ever have a coinage under the old Austrian Empire?

—S. H., Iowa

Answer:

Your piece is a medal, most likely nickel, and valued at around 50c. Bosnia and Herzegovina did not have any coinage under the Austrian Empire.

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Question:

Will you please tell me the identity and value of these pencil rubbings of coins I have.

—T. S. B., Wisconsin

Answer:

The Swiss 2 Francs retails for 50c; the Norwegian 25 Ore 5c; the Victoria 1 penny silver Maundy money at around 75c. The other piece is a medal or token and I doubt if it is gold; it most likely is brass and of little value.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed is a rubbing of a token or medal I have. It is made of copper and would probably grade extremely fine. The obverse carries the inscription, United States Mint - First steam coining - Mar. 23, 1836. For what purpose was it issued and has it any value?

—O. C. T., Minnesota

Answer:

Your item is a bronze medal struck by the U.S. mint and valued at around \$1.50. It commemorates the change in the method of minting coins.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed tracings of a coin or button that weighs approximately 3-1/4 oz., 1/8 of an inch thick. Was uncovered by a high lift during a road building project. Can you give me any idea of what it is?

—D. A., Illinois

Answer:

This is a large bronze of Ancient Egypt under the Ptolemies. As its condition is not too good I would say this would retail for around \$5.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am enclosing pencil rubbings of the following coins: 1. Coin has no inscription at all, seems to be of copper composition. 2. Coin has the inscription: 25 emes, and Letzeburg. Date is 1954, nickel or silver composition. 3. Coin has only the numeral 2 and date 1896, copper. 4. Coin on the obverse says: Frane Ios I D G Austriae imperator. Reverse: Lod III Rex A 1872 Hungar Bohem Gal. Probably silver. Coins are in G-VG condition. Would appreciate any information, as to where from, value, etc.

—F. A. B., New York

Answer:

Your first coin is a 20 Paras coin of Abdul Aziz, of Turkey valued at around 20c. The second piece is from the city of Letzeburg and retails for 5c. The third is a 2 Pfennig coin of Germany retails for 5c. The last is a small silver coin (1 heller) of Austria and Hungary of Franz Joseph, retails for 10c.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Kindly inform, if there is any value to this coin—see rubbing.

—H. W. R., Ohio

Answer:

What you have is a brass imitation of a \$20 gold piece known as a composition spiel marke, composition play money. These were coined in Germany and were used here as counters or poker chips! Yours is worth around \$1.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have a commemorative medal, that was issued in commemoration of the Centennial Exposition, 1876. It is just about the size of a U.S. dollar.

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I am wondering what its monetary value as a collectors' item would be.

—J. E. M., South Dakota

Answer:

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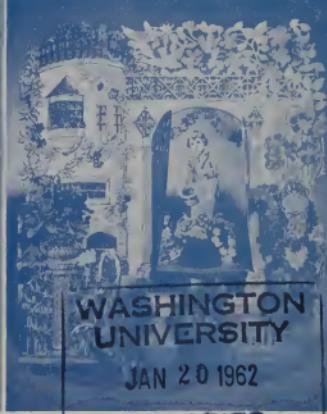
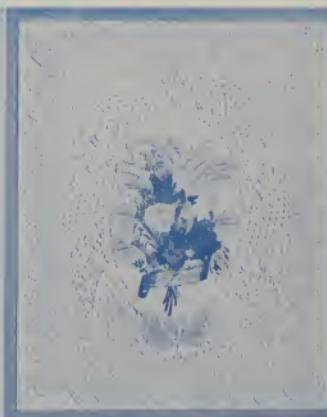
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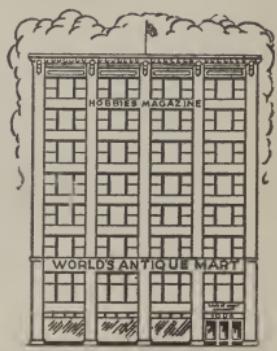
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The First Hundred Mechanical Banks

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The January, 1962, issue of HOBBIES marked somewhat of a milestone insofar as mechanical banks are concerned. It hardly seems possible that a few months over ten years have elapsed since the initial article on the classification of mechanical banks appeared in this magazine. In that period, including a number of special articles, 100 mechanical banks have been covered, the 100th appearing in the January, '62 issue.

Naturally the rarest and most desirable of mechanical banks are in this first hundred, as well as those having the greatest value. Basically this group will remain unchanged. That is to say it will have a certain permanency about it in the years to come. True there can always exist the circumstances whereby some new find or discovery may turn up, but this likelihood occurs less frequently and to a diminishing degree as the years go by. Thus, in spite of this possibility, the first one hundred mechanical banks will remain fairly much unchanged.

In the last ten years the interest in mechanical banks has grown by leaps and bounds. This increased interest has brought many new collectors into the field and today there are thousands who are collecting these interesting old toy saving devices. Along with this trend the writer's correspondence has increased accordingly, and more and more letters are received with many types of questions concerning mechanical banks.

To aid some who have followed the articles since their inception and all those who have come into the picture since, the writer feels it would be worthwhile at this point to list the first one hundred mechanical banks and the date each appeared in HOBBIES Magazine. This will be helpful from a number of angles including the fact it will also serve as a ready reference to those who have saved the articles.

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19. Girl In The Victorian Chair April

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21. Dentist Bank June

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23. Milking Cow Bank August

24. Uncle Remus Bank October

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26. U.S. and Spain Bank January

27. Butting Ram Bank March

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29. Bull Dog Savings Bank May

30. North Pole Bank July

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If you have never attended a Numismatic Convention it would be an education for you to do so.

They are growing in numbers like mushrooms, to such an extent that one week-end this fall there were eight. Three were major and the rest minor. No matter where you live I would venture to say you are sure to find a convention sometime during the year within driving distance.

So many at the same time tend to hurt each other as distance today is nothing. It is very discouraging to those in charge and those attending when there is a poor attendance.

At a popular, well-run convention you will find a number of the well-known full-time dealers with a few of the local part-time dealers at the bourse tables. Also a good Auction will be held, with a well-known Auctioneer.

There will be many very interesting displays by the collectors as well as entertainment for the ladies who are not coin minded. The convention winds up with a banquet where the awards are given to those whose displays have been judged the best. Door prizes, and gifts for the ladies are usual.

There are different types of conventions. The largest is the American Numismatic Convention which is held in some different large city in a different part of the country each August.

Then there are the Regional Conventions, State conventions, and local Conventions. The American Numismatic Association usually lasts five days, the Regional three days, the State two days, and the locals are one-day stands.

The larger conventions draw the more well-known, full-time dealers and Auctioneers, a larger crowd, and fabulous displays. They continue down in size.

The local conventions usually find

part-time dealers who do not depend on the Coin Business for a living but just for either the fun of it or for a little extra. All the Conventions are interesting and all serve their purpose.

So many have gotten on the band wagon it has become more and more difficult to find coins. It is increasingly hard on the full-time dealer as he depends on the coin business for his living. With all this activity prices have risen beyond the wildest expectations.

The week-end of October 20, 21, 22, we attended the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Convention which was held at Ft. Monroe, Va. It is the largest regional Association in the East and the convention is always very well attended.

The Frenches ran the Auction which was high in attendance and the crowd went wild over the exceptional collection of Colonials which were offered.

This was the same week-end as the hurricane Gerta and she was giving us competition. We learned later that the water was so high those at Ft. Monroe attending the convention were isolated at one time.

There were about 75 dealers at the bourse with many very well-known dealers from all over the United States. Many fabulous displays represented many categories. There was the usual banquet Saturday night and the giving out of the awards to the winners, plus door prizes, and gifts for the ladies.

The Auction was over, our work was through there, so we were able to enjoy a few hours relaxation before starting home the next day. The bourse tables were opened again after the banquet for those who wanted to do more dealing.

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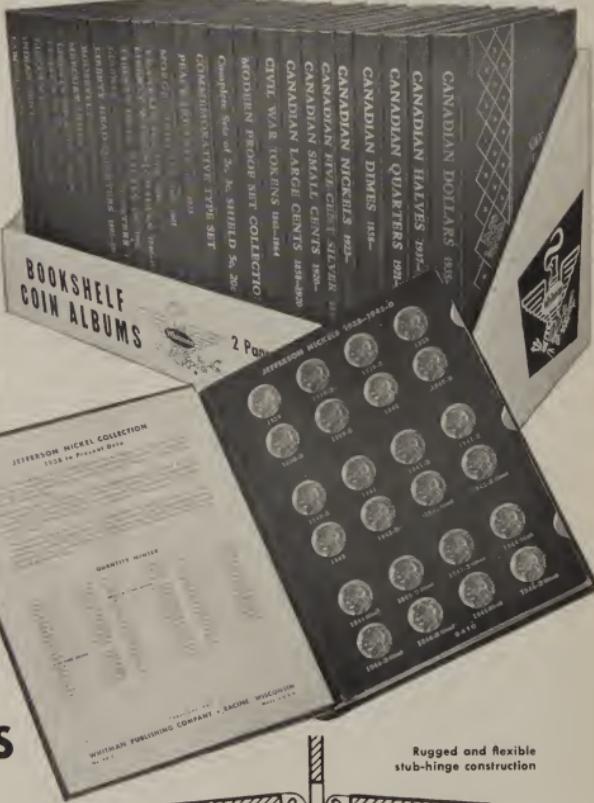
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—C. F., New York

Question:

I note that you write about coins in HOBBIES Magazine and probably are an expert on coins, their identification and values. I have a client who is the owner of a trade dollar for the year 1885. My client's trade dollar has the same markings as the trade dollars for this year shown in "A Guide Book of U.S. Coins 15th Edition" by R. S. Yeoman." The figure of the woman is seated and holding a branch with leaves on it and on the back of the coin there is an eagle with wings extended which it is about to spread.

My client has taken this trade dollar, which he understands is very valuable if it is genuine, to a local jeweler, who has weighed it. He telephoned a banker in a local bank about this weight and was told by the banker that he thought the same was not genuine. My client is attempting to determine whether it is genuine and I thought you might be able to indicate some way in which he could accurately determine this.

I shall appreciate any help you may extend us.

—M. A., Virginia

Answer:

It is presumed that 1884 and 1885 trade dollars were coined especially for collectors sometime after their dates indicate. All were made in brilliant proof condition (perfect mirror-like specimens) and it is reasonable to presume all immediately went into leading coin collections in the country, none getting into circulation. If your client's is worn, no matter how little, it is reasonable to presume that it is not genuine. If it is perfect, it very likely is genuine.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Recently I was informed that an Indian Head penny I own might be worth up to \$100. It is an 1869 copper, and seems to be in good condition. One can read the motto: United States of America. Would you please advise me in the very near future? —Mrs. E. T. E., New York

Answer:

The 1869 over 1868 copper cent in uncirculated condition catalogs at \$135. A "good" 1869 copper cent catalogs for \$7.50, retailing about \$6.

C. F., New York

Question:

I would appreciate your identifying the following described copper coin, slightly smaller than our quarter, rubbing of which is enclosed. Inscriptions, Obverse: D. G. E. L. A. I. e. 1758. Reverse: In Deo Est. Spes Nostra.

—R. V. O., Florida

Answer:

Your coin is a "I Doit" coin of Gelderland 1758, under Netherlands. It is not in good demand, currently only retailing for 35¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

From a mint roll of 1961 Jefferson nickels acquired in Las Vegas, I noticed one was slightly larger than the others. What causes this? Is this nickel worth more than face value?

—E. L., Arizona

Answer:

Your nickel could have been struck without a collar around it thereby causing it to be larger and would therefore become a mint error. Its value would be determined by exactly how much larger it is. Also if it were struck on a silver quarter planchet it would be very valuable.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Some while ago, I found a bronze, 1943 Lincoln Head penny. While inquiring about it I was referred to your magazine. The gentleman said you may be able to tell me the approximate worth. Also, I have a bronze Lincoln Head penny dated 1941, the difference being in the design of the 4—see drawing. Perhaps you could tell me of this coin, too. Both of these coins have been verified by one of the local bank officials.

—H. K., Pennsylvania

Answer:

Might I suggest that you apply a magnet to your 1943 copper cent. If it is steel copper plated, it will adhere to the magnet. If it is truly copper or bronze, it will not adhere. Then the genuineness of the coin would have to be inspected for alteration or counterfeiting. You see many of these are fakes. The 1941 cent could appear to have a different "4" due to a mutilation or a die break.

C. F., New York

MINIATURIA

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She shot by our booth on several occasions. We finally stopped her long enough for her to pick up a couple of items she had asked us to bring to her.

Another of our good friends, Tom Bruck peddled his bicycle up to our booth for a short discussion of pedaled progress. Tom is an avid collector of anything that refers to a two-wheeled perambulator. He can only own one suit at a time as he uses all his closet space to house his quite extensive collection.

We are trying to persuade him to get married and buy a house of his own so he will have a place to display his collection. However, Tom says he'll stick to his closet.

A number of other members of the club paid us brief visits. There were so many things to see at the show that no one could afford to stay long in one place. And of course as usual we were so busy we had to neglect some of our callers.

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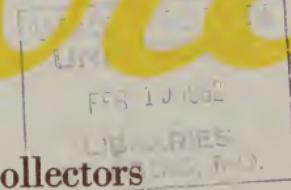
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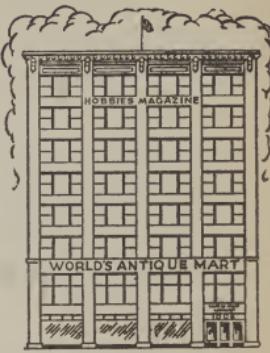
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Guessing Bank

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A somewhat imposing money box, which verges on being a gambling device rather than a toy mechanical bank, is our choice as No. 101 in the numerical classification. The Guessing Bank, as it is appropriately named, is also a complete departure from the generally accepted idea of a mechanical bank, particularly as to appearance. It is a rather impressive looking item and, simply expressed, it just doesn't look like a child's toy savings bank or for that matter a toy of any kind. However, it definitely is a mechanical bank and was patented as such, specifically as a toy money box.

Edward G. McLoughlin of New York City patented the Guessing Bank, May 22, 1877, as an improvement in toy money boxes. The patent papers go on to state that McLough-

lin has invented a new and improved toy bank, the object of which is to provide a game of chance in connection with a toy bank. The papers go on from there to explicitly outline the operation and mechanism of the bank. The actual manufacturer of the bank is, to the best of the writer's knowledge, unknown. However, we are fortunate in having considerable background information due to the man responsible for turning up all known specimens of the bank.

Mr. Mark Haber, the well known collector and dealer in mechanical banks, is the individual who through perseverance found the first example of the Guessing Bank and subsequently the remaining known examples. Mr. Haber has kindly furnished the writer with the information and circumstances surrounding its locating and obtaining the Guessing Banks. Using his own words the story is as follows.

"The discovery of these banks was en-

tirely accidental and unusual, and the lead was furnished by an old picker, who informed me that he thought he noticed something that might be a bank or statuette being used as a doorstop in a house in South Windham, Conn. His meager description of the object and the location left me no other alternative but to comb every street in South Windham, until I finally espied the object. It was rusted and weather beaten, but unmistakably the bank patented by E. J. McLoughlin.

"I had little trouble in purchasing the bank from the occupants, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Sherman. Further inquiry revealed that Mr. Sherman's grandfather had purchased the patent rights and had a number of these banks made up for distribution to jobbers who were to show these to the trade through their salesmen. To the best of his recollection, the orders for these banks were so meager as to make it an unprofitable venture to go into large production. Being possibly a gambling device in the hands of a child it did not seem to have any appeal.

"Further inquiry on subsequent visits revealed that there were a few of the banks left in an old barrel in the original packings in the fine old stable on the estate. Without going into further details, I managed to purchase two or three at each visit for sum of money plus some fine first editions which I always brought with me for Mr. Sherman as gifts. Mr. Sherman collected fine first editions and appreciated my thoughtfulness."

The writer's example of the bank is pictured. It is in mint condition and was originally obtained from Mr. Haber. The figure of the man sitting astride the chair is a fine detailed casting and is finished in an overall light gold-bronze color. The dial has a white porcelain type finish with black numerals and the base of the bank is a glossy black. Under the name Guessing Bank there appears in raised letters, "Pat. May 22, 1877." This lettering is worked into the design of the chair and is not too obvious.

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To sum up, the Guessing Bank is a rather large impressive item which does not look like the generally accepted version of a toy mechanical bank. To the best of the writer's knowledge a limited number of these banks exist, all of which were found by Mr. Haber. It is a very interesting bank and makes an unusual addition to a collection of mechanical banks.

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President Andrew Jackson disapproved of a fiscal system under which public funds were deposited in a single, privately controlled institution—The Bank of The United States. In 1832 Jackson vetoed the bill to continue the Bank's existence after the expiration of the charter in 1836.

This was in opposition to Clay and the financial interests of the country. It caused an upheaval in both political parties.

Jackson's party split into two opposed groups. And Clay's supporters fought to restore the bank. Jackson and his successor, Martin Van Buren, succeeded in warding off the attacks and put in reforms.

They discontinued depositing funds in the Bank of the United States and established Sub-Treasury system. Metallic currency was the only medium of payment for public lands.

During this time the Country was undergoing a severe depression. That, plus the uncertainty of the banking system, led to hoarding hard money. Paper money was so unreliable that nobody wanted to accept it.

The terrific demand on the large cent, and the disappearance of small change, led to the manufacture of the Hard Times Tokens. Those with political slogans were virtually the first campaign buttons.

Some of the legends on the Political Tokens are as follows:

"Andrew Jackson President/Elected 1828 re-elected 1832—We commemorate the glorious victories of our hero in war and in peace."

"Gulian C. Verplanck Our Next Govrn'r/A Faithful friend of our Country."

Small bust of Jackson with "My Substitute for the U.S. Bank, My Experiment, My Currency, My Glory/A running boar "My Victory, My third Heat, Down with the Bank,

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Balking horse "Constitution as I understand it," "Roman Firmness"/"A Plain System void of Pomp."

Jackson sitting in a strong box with a word and bag of money "I take the responsibility"/Sailing vessel named Constitution wrecked "Van Buren Metallic Currency."

Phoenix "Substitute for shin-pasters"/"Specie payments suspended May 10, 1837" in wreath.

Ship "Constitution" under full sail "Webster credit Currency"/"Ship named Experiment wrecked on the rocks" "Van Buren Metallic Currency."

Slave tokens, "Am I Not a Man and Brother," another "Am I not a Woman and Sister."

There are many varieties of "Liberty Heads" similar to the large United States cent. Some are ugly and some are pleasing. In addition to some of the reverses already mentioned they are also found with "Millions For Defense, Not One Cent For Tribute;" "Mint Drop Benton County Currency;" "Mint Drop Benton Experiment;" Ugly Head obverse with "Loco Foco" instead of "Liberty" on head-band.

Many enterprising merchants of the day issued tokens advertising their wares and to be used as small change. Some of these tokens have the same obverses as the Political Tokens mentioned before.

Others depict the type of business on the token, such as a clock-maker has a clock; a boot-maker, a boot; a barber, a comb and scissors. A gold-beater has an arm and sledge, an anvil represents hardware and cutlery. A circus rider on two horses stands for the Hippodrome, and a railroad coach for the New York and Harlem Railroad.

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Lyman H. Low listed 183 Hard Times and Merchants Tokens from 1832 to 1844. While many are very reasonable, there are others which are very rare.

They were made in bronze, brass, and white metal, the bronze being the commonest of the three. The majority were made in the size of the large cent but there are a few of smaller size. There have not been any books printed giving values in over 20 years.

Low #2 has civilian bust of Andrew Jackson facing right, with the legend, "President of the U.S." Below; the reverse, "The glorious victories," etc. struck in brass. There was only one specimen known in 1940.

Low #54 a kneeling figure facing right in chains "Am I Not a

Man and Brother;" reverse, "United States of America Liberty 1838" in wreath, struck in copper. There are but two or three specimens known.

Low #165, 166, 167 obverse Head of Jackson right; reverse, "The Bank Must Perish." Struck in white metal, brass and silver. These were undoubtedly trial pieces and are very rare.

Low #7 Liberty Cap with "The Glorious Whig Victory of 1834." Struck in copper, white metal, and brass.

The foregoing are only the outstanding rarities. There are many others. These are very interesting pieces and a series to date which has been neglected. However, more interest is being shown in tokens today as other series are becoming harder to put together. They can also be more interesting as there are no two alike in a collection.

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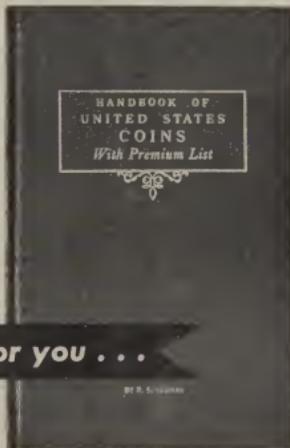
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1935				.00
1935D				.00
1935S				.22
1936				.00
1936D				.11
1936S				.40
1937				.60
1937D				.59
1937S				.12
1938				1.60
1938D				1.25
1938S				1.25
1939				.75
1939D				2.00
1939S				4.00
1940				1.40
1940D				1.80
1940S				1.80
1941				.80
1941D				.90
1941S				1.60
1942				1.00
1942D				1.20
1942S				1.00
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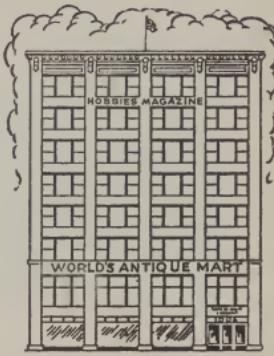
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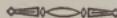
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Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH



Pump and Bucket Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A mechanical bank that was not only sold commercially through the regular trade channels, but was also given away as a complimentary item, is our choice as No. 102 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. This bank is the Pump and Bucket, and the fact that it was given as a complimentary item by a store is all the more unusual since the inscription bearing this out is inscribed on the bank itself. This means that the concern that made the Pump and Bucket necessarily had a special pattern base plate for the exclusive use of the store involved. In a mechanical bank this is a rather unique circumstance. True the Weeden's Plantation Savings Bank was sold commercially and also given as a premium for selling subscriptions to certain magazines such as the Youth's Companion. All Plantation Banks, however, were regular production items with no special markings. Whether or not the manufacturer of the Pump and Bucket made others with special inscriptions for a number of different stores is not known. The specimen pictured from his collection is the only one of its type ever seen by the writer to date. Naturally and logically there were numbers of this same type produced for the store during the period of its distribution as a gift advertising item.

The bank pictured was obtained by the writer a few years ago from an antique dealer exhibiting in an antique show in Ligonier, Pa. It is in very fine original condition with most of the original paper label on the underside of the bank. Unfortunately this label does not show the manufacturer or the date the bank was made. The label explains how to set the bank, the operation, that it can be opened when \$5 in dimes has been deposited, and so on. The original name of the bank according to the label was the Pump Registering Bank, and it explains further that it is "Guaranteed If Not Misused."

The writer has no old catalogs or information of any kind that would lead to the name of the company that made the Pump and Bucket. Also, to the best of the writer's knowledge, there are no patent papers that cover the bank. On the top section lid of the bucket is inscribed "Pat. Adp.", but this is not helpful in any fashion and does not necessarily indicate that a patent was ever granted. Logically the writer feels that the Pump and Bucket was made by some concern who more or less specialized in making registering banks of the more conventional type such as buckets, kettles, trunks and buildings.

This brings to mind that the writer receives letters from time to time suggesting that one or another of the various types of the foregoing mentioned conventional registering banks should be classified as a mechanical bank. A registering bank that simply designates the amount of money deposited is not a mechanical bank in the accepted definition of what the terminology "mechanical bank" has come to mean. A registering bank as such does admittedly have mechanism, but that in itself does not bring it into the class of a mechanical bank. There is a fine line of demarcation and the Pump and Bucket is a typical example. In operating this bank a dime is placed in the proper section in the lid of the bucket, moving the pump handle up and down causes the coin to register and drop on into the bucket and base of the bank. The fact that the operating mechanism is in conjunction with a pump and handle places this bank in the mechanical bank category, and not just the conventional registering type group. Of course it is also a registering bank, but please note that if there were no registering mechanism on the Pump and Bucket Bank it would still be a mechanical bank since the coin would drop into the bucket only when the pump handle was operated.

The Pump and Bucket Bank shown is in good original paint condition. The pump is green with a gold acorn on top, the spout and handle are silver, and there is other silver and gold outlining on the pump. The bucket and top part of the base platform are nickel plated and the section of the bank under the platform is bright red. On the lid of the bucket appears the wording "Dime Register" and in smaller letters "Pat. Adp." Along the top length of the platform is the wording "Compliments of Gusky's." This platform, by the way, is cast to represent wood type graining on boards.

Gusky's was Pittsburgh's first department store and a very unusual type of store whose background bears out the fact of the Pump and Bucket being given away as a complimentary item. Jacob Mark Gusky, a Pittsburgh philanthropist, opened his store in 1880 and it was located in Downtown Pittsburgh on Market Street between Third and Fourth Avenue. Any boy whose father bought a suit at Gusky's could expect a toy for himself. Every Christmas a line of horse drawn buggies pulled up to the store to be filled with toys for distribution to underprivileged children. This was a generous policy of the store as established under Jacob Gusky. He was a hard industrious worker, charitable and generous, and at one time had 500 people in his employ. He died at the early age of 45 in the year 1886. The store business was continued after his death by his widow and other relatives for a time and then other small business concerns moved into the building. The last connection of the name Gusky with the store was between 1903 and 1904, and in that period Gusky's in its final stages with about 15 remaining employees went out of business.

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Trade Dollars

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The United States, wishing to increase its trade with China and other parts of the Orient, decided to issue a dollar in competition with the Mexican peso which was circulating in China and the Orient at that time with great popularity.

The dollar was to be heavier than the peso, but with less fineness. This dollar was made 420 grains and 900 fine.

It did not take the Chinese long to find out that the United States Trade dollar did not contain as much silver as the Mexican peso. Therefore the trade dollar did not achieve anywhere near the popularity the United States had expected. The Mexican Peso continued to be the most popular medium of exchange.

There were two reasons for the use of foreign silver coins in China. First, there was the lack of any local coinage. Second, China was on a silver standard.

The first pattern, trial, or experimental pieces to be struck were in 1871. They were known as a "Commercial Dollar." These pieces were struck in silver and copper with various minor differences in designs.

By the end of the year, 1871, there still was no definite decision made concerning the coining of a dollar for the Far Eastern trade in China and other parts of the Orient.

The term "Trade Dollar" was first used in 1872 on the many experimental pieces struck that year. The first pattern was struck in silver.

The obverse had "Liberty Seated" facing left on a globe with the American flag on a staff in the background. The reverse had "Trade Dollar," and "420 Grains 900 Fine, with a small Spread Eagle in the center. This was a forerunner of the many patterns of Trade Dollars to be struck during the next few years.

The design which was finally accepted had, on the obverse, Liberty Seated left on a bail with sheathes to the right. She holds an olive branch in her right hand. There are 13 stars with the date below. Just

over the date is the legend "In God We Trust."

The reverse shows a Spread Eagle in the center holding 13 arrows in its right claw and a branch in its left. Below the Eagle, "420 Grains, 900 Fine." Over the Eagle, "E Pluribus Unum" on ribbon. Legend around upper edge "United States of America." "Trade Dollar," below. This design was authorized and minted in 1873.

Between 1873 and 1878 many millions of Trade Dollars were struck and shipped abroad. They were legal tender in the United States up to \$5.

During 1876 it was found that large numbers were flowing back to this country and flooding our circulation. An attempt was made in 1876 to stop this confusing situation.

Congress repealed the legal tender provision and authorized the Treasury to limit coinage for export only. This was reflected in the sharp drop in coinage from 1879-1883, the last year for the official coinage of the Trade Dollars. During these last years proofs for the coin collectors' demands were made exclusively.

In 1887 a law was passed authorizing the Treasury to redeem all Trade Dollars which were not mutilated. A few years later the Trade Dollars were demonetized and were no longer legal tender.

After they were demonetized they became a nuisance as they were only worth their silver value of about 75 cents. This was true for many decades. People unacquainted with the situation frequently were duped into accepting Trade Dollars at face value, and thereby lost money.

In the last 20 years or so coin collectors have shown an increasing interest in Trade Dollars, so today they are worth varying premiums, depending on date and condition.

It is interesting to note that during the coinage of the Trade Dollars the coinage of the regular United States Silver Dollars was suspended. The last of the Liberty Seated was 1873, and the first of the Morgans or Liberty Head type was 1878.

There are still a great many Trade Dollars in the Orient. They are frequently offered in wholesale lots from \$2 up, depending on condition.

It has been the custom of Chinese banking institutions and money changers to authenticate the genuineness of the Trade Dollar by counter-stamping them with their own identifying Chinese characters.

Large quantities of these dollars are found with any number of counterstamps or chop marks, as they are sometimes called. Sometimes as many as five chop marks are found on one side. While some numismatists consider these chop marks mutilations, there are others who collect chop marks.

Two of the most celebrated Trade Dollars are those of 1884 to 1885, struck in Proof. It is estimated that there were 10 of the 1884, and five of the 1885.

As there are no mint records of their coinage, and the Proof Sets of those years were delivered without these two dates of dollars, there is some question as to their authenticity. It is surmised that they were struck at a later date. Record sales for these dollars are: 1884 at \$6,000 and 1885 at \$9,000.

Trade Dollars were struck in the Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Carson City mints. The greatest quantities were coined in San Francisco.

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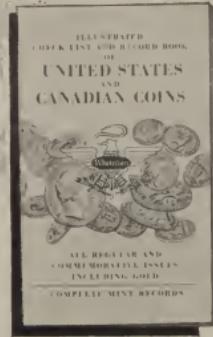
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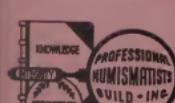
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Old Mechanical Banks

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Circus Ticket Collector Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

The circus is well represented by a number of the mechanical banks and, as matter of fact, those with this theme form a surprisingly large versatile group. This fact is not too obvious at first glance. Proper consideration must be given to the mechanical banks that qualify or fit into the circus group. Those that do qualify and have been covered in the articles to date are as follows - No. 13 - Circus Bank, No. 16 - Professor Pug Frog's Great Bicycle Feat, No. 45 - Clown On Bar Bank, No. 67 - Acrobat Bank, No. 68 - Dog Tray Bank, No. 89 - Royal Trick Elephant Bank, No. 90 - Hoop-La Bank, No. 95 - Clown Bank, and No. 100 - Jumbo Bank. (The numbers shown can be checked in the February, 1962, issue of HOBBIES as to the dates the articles appeared on each bank.) There are also many others such as the Trick Dog, Clown On Globe, Humpty Dumpty, and Elephant And Three Clowns On Tub, to name a few, that will be covered in future articles. At present, however, as we reach No. 103 in the numerical classification of the mechanical banks, we have another addition to the circus group, namely the Circus Ticket Collector. And there is no question but that the ticket collector was an important part of the circus, perhaps not a popular one but certainly a necessary one.

The bank shown has been known as the Circus Ticket Collector since the writer first started collecting banks. Whether or not this is the original name used during the period of its manufacture and sale is unknown by the writer. He has never seen this bank pictured or otherwise advertised for sale in any old catalogs or other similar type material. Also no patent papers are known to exist that cover the bank. So there is practically no factual background information as to the period of manufacture, designer, manufacturer, or anything else. The bank is very similar to the Peg Leg Beggar (HOBBIES, October, 1960) and very possibly they could have been made by the same concern. Since background information on the Peg Leg Beggar is also sadly lacking, this possibility offers no help.



The bank pictured was obtained some years ago from Rockwell Gardiner, a well known Connecticut antique dealer. It is in fine complete original condition and in good paint except for the face. There is a reason for this, however. The entire head was first painted black and then the flesh color face was applied over the black. This tended to allow for easy chipping and less adherence to the surface. Some of the other banks have this same condition and one that comes to mind at the moment is the Octagonal Fort. Here the ocean surface paint, between the cannon and fort, was applied over a hard glossy black paint and thus tended to flake off and not adhere too well. The Circus Ticket Collector is painted as follows: Black hair, flesh color face with black eyes and red mouth; the barrel and the coat and trousers of the man are a jappanned type finish, and the barrel has red stripings on the bands. The

shirt front of the man is yellow with a white collar, the shoes are black, and hands flesh color.

The operation of the bank is simple. When a coin is inserted in the slot in the top of the barrel it causes the head of the man to nod forward in a gesture of appreciation or thanks.

The Circus Ticket Collector is a rather scarce little bank to find in an original specimen. Some 20 odd years or more ago a certain party who dealt in mechanical banks at the time had a number of these banks recast from an original specimen. These recasts are still floating around, however, it is not difficult to distinguish them from an original.

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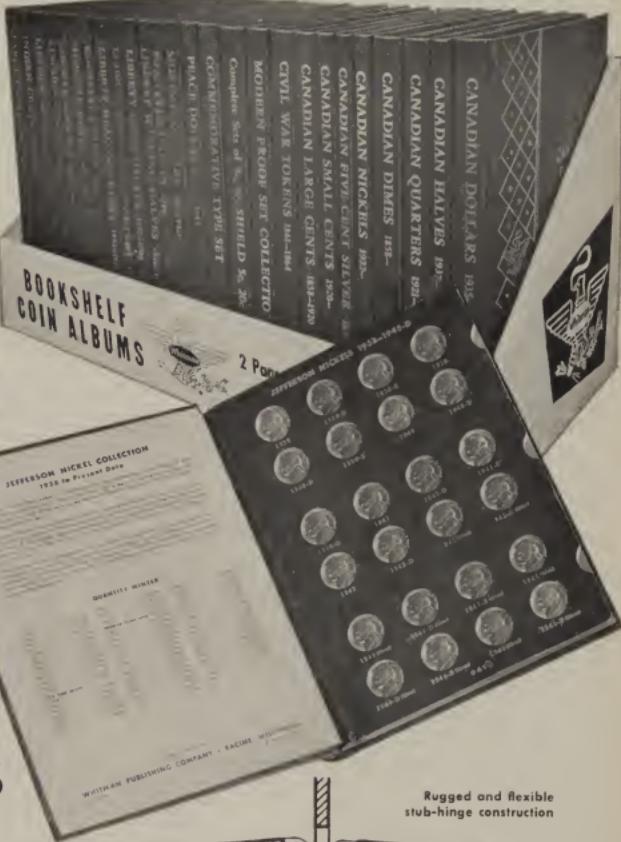
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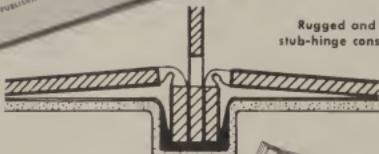
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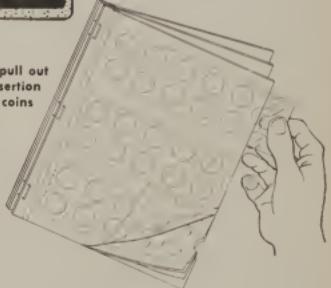
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Your coins, if in good condition, retail for the following prices: 1817 cent \$1.00, 1892 cent 25¢, 1882 cent 50¢.

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Question:

Please identify the following coins if possible. See rubbings.

—A. C. B., Missouri

Answer:

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Question:

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—Mrs. C. S., Massachusetts

Answer:

Your coin is a gold peso of Colombia, if in extremely fine condition it retails for \$6.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you please tell me the value of this coin? See enclosed pencil rubbing. Also is there any value to the Cleveland token?

M. J., Michigan

Answer:

The Token of President Cleveland is valueless. The other pencil rubbing is not clear but I can say the coin is not English. What it seems to say, is Henry by the Grace of God Duke of (Loth) Lorraine. Value about 75¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Is the coin described as follows of value, and if so how much? In good condition: German coin, on face wording is: Fredericus Borussorum Rex-Ein Reichs Thaler; on back, date 1785 with letter 'B' between 17 and 85. On back, bird looks like Eagle with talons on cannon. On face, head of man with wreath on head. This is a German dollar.

A. M., New York

Answer:

This coin is a thaler of Frederick the Great of Prussia. It is quite common, currently retailing for \$1.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have just been reading your column and you tell C. F. of New York, "Do not clean your coins and never buff them." Will you please tell me why cleaning and polishing coins detracts from their value?

—J. R., Rhode Island

Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

I am sure I have seen a German silver coin with one million marks stamped on one side. I have also read that there was a one-trillion mark coin. Were such coins ever minted with these figures on them? Or did their value just inflate to this figure? If there is such a coin what is its present value? Perhaps, I am mistaken about the nationality. Perhaps it was one million rupies that I saw. Are there any foreign coins with these figures on them—one million or one trillion?

—R. D. H., Georgia

Answer:

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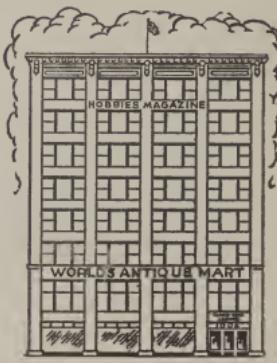
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Old Mechanical Banks

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Hen and Chick Bank

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Farm and country life is accurately depicted by a limited number of the mechanical banks, and while this is a most appealing subject matter, it is surprising how few banks were made utilizing this theme. Only two banks of the 103 covered by the series of articles to date fit into this category. One is the Milking Cow (HOBBIES, August 1953), a fine, particularly desirable mechanical bank, and the other is Uncle Remus (HOBBIES, October 1953). A possible third border-line bank is the Squirrel And Tree Stump (HOBBIES, July 1960). As we reach No. 104 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks we have chosen the Hen And Chick which well represents this group. The other rural type banks to be dealt with in future articles are Mule Entering Barn, Boys Stealing Watermelons, Boy Robbing Bird's Nest, and possibly the Rooster and several of the Rabbit banks. These banks comprise the comparatively small group representing farm and country. It is interesting to note that this same condition exists in the horse drawn cast iron toys as well. Those such as the Hay Rake, Mower, Plow, and Hay Wagon are rather scarce and there were not many different types made. One of the Royal Circus toys is a farm type and it is a scarce article. This is the Farmer

Van Wagon and it has a rather large head of a farmer that moves up and down, in and out of the top of the van. In any event, it has always seemed somewhat unusual to the writer that the rural theme with its very definite appeal was not more widely used as a subject matter for mechanical banks as well as cast iron toys.

Charles A. Bailey, probably the best and greatest of all the designers of mechanical banks, was responsible for the Hen And Chick. This, of course, is only one of the many banks that he designed and patented. As a point of interest, he is credited with the Milking Cow and he definitely designed the Boy Robbing Bird's Nest. As a matter of fact the writer has Bailey's original sketch of the Boy Robbing Bird's Nest, and it was apparently his first intent to call the bank the Robber Bank since this name is shown on the bank in the sketch. Bailey patented the Hen And Chick October 1, 1901 as a design patent. He assigned the patent to J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn. The bank as made by Stevens is practically identical to the design patent drawings.

The bank shown is in what one would term mint condition and was obtained by the writer years ago in New England. It is painted in bright

attractive colors. The base is an overall green with blue and yellow flowers and highlighting of leaves and stems in a gold bronze. The large hen is white with red comb and wattle, yellow eyes and a brown beak. On one side the yellow head of small chick is peaking out from under her wing, and on the other side there are heads of two chicks in the same fashion. The little full-bodied chick that comes forward from under the hen (not shown in the picture) is yellow with small black eyes and a brown beak.

To operate the bank a coin is placed in the provided slot in front of the hen as shown in the picture. The lever is then turned over in the direction of the rear of the bank. In so doing the hen starts to cluck, opening and closing her beak rapidly, then the little chick springs forward from under the hen and pecks the coin into the bank. At the same time, the hen bends her head down as though watching the chick. Releasing the lever returns all working parts to the position shown in the picture.

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It appears to have become a favorite of the watch-makers in the general area of Liverpool. They turned out many watches with this escapement and continued to do so well up into the 19th century, long after the detached lever had been perfected and put into use elsewhere.

To offset this situation we can take a look at a cylinder escapement which was invented by Thomas Tompion in 1695 and improved by George Graham in 1720. This English invention found little favor in England and was not generally used by English watch-makers. On the other hand, it found immediate favor with French watch-makers and was used extensively by them.

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Recently the State of Connecticut purchased one of these rare sets and the authorities placed it in custody of the State Library Museum at the Capitol in Hartford. This prompted an owner to put an asking price of \$1000 for his set, with the admonition that it assuredly would increase in value as time passed.

All this has prompted the idea of forming a "1936 Proof Set Society." However, none of us could find any source of information rendering an informative history of the 1936 set.

Just 2837 sets were produced and one might say, "What else is there to tell about it?" But we think the subject could be approached with such thoughts as: how many sets have survived, allowing for sets lost, destroyed, mutilated, or otherwise broken up; how many are no longer in the country; and in what museums and institutions may the 1936 proof set be seen.

Another thought would be that even if all sets still existed at full produced total, the number would be considerably less than one for each city in America. There must be other thoughts on the 1936 set, best known, perhaps, to the purchasers representing the museums of the nation. —Miss J. O. B., Connecticut

Answer:
Your idea of a 1936 Proof Set Society is most unusual. As to additional information about the sets of that year. These were not sold as sets but as single pieces of different denominations and were purchased as such in that manner. This practice continued through 1942. But during those years increased interest in the "Set" way of collecting proofs had grown so that, from 1950 on, the mint issued them as "sets."

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Question:

I am sending you a rubbing of a brass medal I found behind the lock on an old chest of drawers. It has an eagle and stars on it. Across one of the ribbons (across eagle's breast) is "G. Peterman." On the back it has "Pat'd Dec. 20, 186- (3 or 5 or 8)" can't tell which. Is about 1/16" thick. I believe this may be part of a Confederate or Federal soldier's equipment or badge. Do you have any idea what it is? Value?

—W. R. A., Georgia

Answer:

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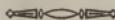
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Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

Schley Bottling Up Cervera Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



Mechanical banks cover a broad area of subject matter, mainly Americana, and those having historical significance are always of considerable interest. Individuals who have followed these series articles are familiar with the fact that a number of the banks covered by past articles do have historical background involving prominent personalities, events, discoveries, wars, and so on. Many of the banks utilizing history as their subject matter are quite rare, a few are rather common. As we reach No. 105 in the numerical classification we have chosen a unique historical Spanish-American War bank to occupy this position. This unusual bank is the Schley Bottling Up Cervera. It is a complete departure, appearance-wise, from any of the other mechanical banks since it is in the form of a bottle with a large stopper

and thus represents an object. Mr. Hegarty, the present owner of the bank, expressed his opinion to the writer that it looks like an old inkwell bottle.

Circumstances concerning the designer, manufacturer, and so on of the Schley Bank are sadly lacking and there is no factual information to pass along. There are no identification marks or dates. On the back of the top part of the bank scratched into the paint appears "Apr. 15 '99 V.M.". Mr. Hegarty feels that on this date in 1899 the bank was given by someone or to someone with the initials V.M. The writer is inclined to agree with this as similar circumstances are known to exist with some other mechanical banks and, for that matter, with other types of today's collectibles which were given as gifts in past years.

The bank shown was purchased some time ago by Mr. Fred Draper at an antique show in Ephrata, Pa. It then passed into the hands of one of the pioneer collectors where it remained for a number of years. Frank Ball obtained the bank from this collector recently and passed it along to the present owner, L. C. Hegarty. Needless to say, Mr. Hegarty was quite pleased to add the bank to his fine collection.

The bank pictured is in good condition and completely original with one exception. A photo of Schley has at some time been placed over the original paper sketch of the Admiral. This sketch was damaged and apparently could not be restored properly. The paint is in very good condition and the colors are as follows: The entire piece is painted black, the lettering is in red, and the outlining around the lettering and the stopper is in gold. There is a cloud and sunburst effect around the picture section and the American flag and Spanish flag are painted in their respective appropriate colors.

The operation of the bank is unique but simple. The bank is shown in the accompanying photo after the action has taken place. To reset the mechanism the operator picks the bank up and gives it a quick jerk to the left. This causes the picture of Cervera to appear in place of Schley. When a coin, preferably one of the large old style pennies, is placed in the slot in top of the stopper the picture of Schley replaces that of Cervera, thus 'bottling' him up. A coin cannot be placed in the bank when Schley's picture is showing.

The bank is cast iron and approximately 5 inches high, 3½ inches wide, and 2½ inches deep. It is made in two half sections held together by one screw. The back section has perforations in the bottom half and coins are removed by taking the bank apart. The inside operating mechanism consists of a cast iron piece in a somewhat oval or lobe shape. The front of this piece is covered with paper with the pictures of the Admirals thereon. The back of the piece contains four pins placed in such fashion that a coin, in contacting the pins, causes the piece to flop over showing Schley's picture. Transversely then, when the pins are in this position a coin cannot be inserted as the pins now block

the coin slot. It bears mention that this inside part is also weighted in such a way so that it stops in place exposing Cervera, and does not move until a coin is inserted in the bank.

In conclusion a short resume of the event involving the two Admirals is in order to explain the "bottling up" angle. It's a rather lengthy story but briefly, Winfield Scott Schley, 1839-1911, was an American Naval Officer in the Spanish-American War involved in battle with a Spanish Naval Officer, Pascual Cervera Y Topeta Cervera, 1839-1909. In 1898 Cervera was chosen to command

the Spanish Fleet and on July 3rd of that year he was in the bay at Santiago de Cuba with his ships. Schley blocked up the bay with the ships under his command and thus "bottled up" Cervera. Cervera could not navigate from therein under these circumstances. Schley received credit for this maneuver, however, he was late in carrying it out under orders from W. T. Sampson and thus endangered the movements of a ship named Texas. This delay in tactics was not brought out until 1901, and while there were some issues made of this at the time no serious charges of damaging consequences ever resulted.

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The rapid price rise of nearly all United States coins has created a flood of counterfeits, altered dates, and other kinds of forgeries, many of which are so clever as to fool the best experts. Below are those to watch out for.

Twenty dollar gold pieces. Rare dates, such as 1921, are being coined, of the proper amount of gold, in foreign countries, designed to be sold to American collectors.

They can be detected by examining the feathers in the center of the eagle on the reverse. These feathers are too sharply tooled. They also have a very proof-like, mirror-type surface.

Beware of Liberty Head types of rare dates Philadelphia mint, for the commoner branch mint coins are having the mint marks cleverly removed.

Ten dollar gold pieces. Watch the 1858 P, these are known with their mint marks removed (branch mint). There is also a possibility that the 1920 S is being coined in Europe at present.

Five dollar gold pieces. Watch the 1909 O as the "O" mint mark is known to have been added.

Three dollar gold pieces. There is a possibility that the later dates are being struck in Europe.

Four dollar Stellas. Beware of gold-plated patterns struck in inferior metals and being sold as gold stellas. There is also a report that the 1880 series are being coined presently in Europe.

Quarter Eagles (\$2.50). Both types, Indian Head and Liberty Head, are being struck in large quan-

tities in Europe. They have the correct weight in gold, and are very nearly perfect.

Liberty Heads show the head of fakes as too sharp, edge of coin a trifle flat, milling too sharp. These have a granular surface. They come in many dates.

As to the Indian Heads, it is difficult to tell, but there again the milling is too fine and sharp.

Gold dollars. Pretty nearly every date and mint have been copied. These, for the most part, have a granular surface, the heading on the edge tends to be too flat, the milling much too sharp, and the deep-cut word Liberty on head-dress is usually sharp in the center, and weak toward each end of word.

These are the new counterfeits struck in Europe, and are very dangerous, being of the correct weight and fineness in gold.

Old counterfeits are very easy to detect for the gold content is inferior. The very rare 1854 C has been faked by adding a sweated letter "C" to it. I have seen two of these in the last six months. Mint marks also have been known to have been sweated to nearly all of the rarer branch mint gold dollars.

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Silver dollars. Removing the mint mark from an 1895 O or S is done to make it the rare 1895 P dollar. This coin was only struck in proof and, to be genuine, should be a perfect proof.

Half dollars. There are no outstanding new forgeries of halves recently other than the well-known addition of a star to the Grant commemorative half dollar.

This is easily detected by the fact that the Grant stars were coined first. When the star was removed from the dies, a few minor defects were also corrected, namely slight bulges at neck and below nose. These always appear on the genuine Grant stars, never on the Grants without star. Counterfeit Grant stars also, at times, have a flattened spot on the reverse.

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ing the 8 on a 1928 S to be a 3. The mint mark is being retooled on a 1913 D to make it look like an "S".

Dimes. Beware of the 1916 Ds! I have seen these altered in all condition, recently I saw a "good" one altered from a 1919 D. Many have been faked by sweating a D cleverly on to a 1916 P.

These can be detected under a 20 power glass, for close examination of the "D" will show some slight discoloration around the initial. Very frequently they are out of their correct position. And if sweated on, close examination will show indications of the base of the D tending to "round in" where it is attached to the coin rather than its being part of the planchet.

Another clever fraud is to take two dimes, a 1916 P and a 1917 D, and mount them, with the 1916 P obverse showing and the 1917 D reverse showing, in an expensive plastic holder.

In still another dangerous fraud, they punch the metal on the obverse out a little and fill it in so it is hardly noticeable, then with the bulge on the reverse they create a "D". Very cleverly done!

The celebrated 1894 S has had "S" sweated on to the Philadelphia coin. I have seen one of these, however, in 30 years.

Nickels. Watch your 1950 Ds. They are now cutting the tail off of 1959 Ds to make them look like 1950 Ds.

Watch your 1937 D three legged nickels, they are now grinding off the one leg. To detect a genuine three legged, the point under the belly of the Buffalo is long and very sharp, this does not appear on any other Buffalo nickel.

Watch this new angle. Dates are being put on dateless nickels by applying acids. The 1913 Liberty Head has, for years, been altered, either from a 1903 or a 1910. The 1895 nickels are being altered to 1885s.

Cents, the most popular series. The "D" is cleverly being ground off of the 1960 cents to make them P, small date only. 1937 S cents are being retooled to look like 1931 S. The 1922 Ds are being changed to 1922 plain cents.

The 1914 D is being made from an altered 1944 D, with the first 4 being changed to a "1." Ds are being sweated on a 1914 P, and the field is being ground down so that only the medal for the D is left. These are the hardest to tell, for one must examine the field around the letter to detect the concave depression.

On 1909 SVDB, the letter S is being sweated to a common 1909 VDB. (Initials of Victor D. Brenner, the coin's designer).

Indian cents apparently have not been tampered with. But watch the 1856 Eagle cent. These are commonly altered from an 1858.

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Answer:

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Question:

Could you tell me the value of an 1835 dime? See pencil rubbing. One side has Liberty Head with seven stars on one side of face and six stars on the other side of face, with date 1835 at bottom. Reverse side of coin has the eagle with inscription below, marked 10 c.

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Answer:

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—R. M., Connecticut

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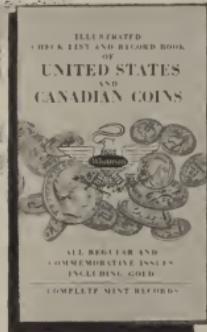
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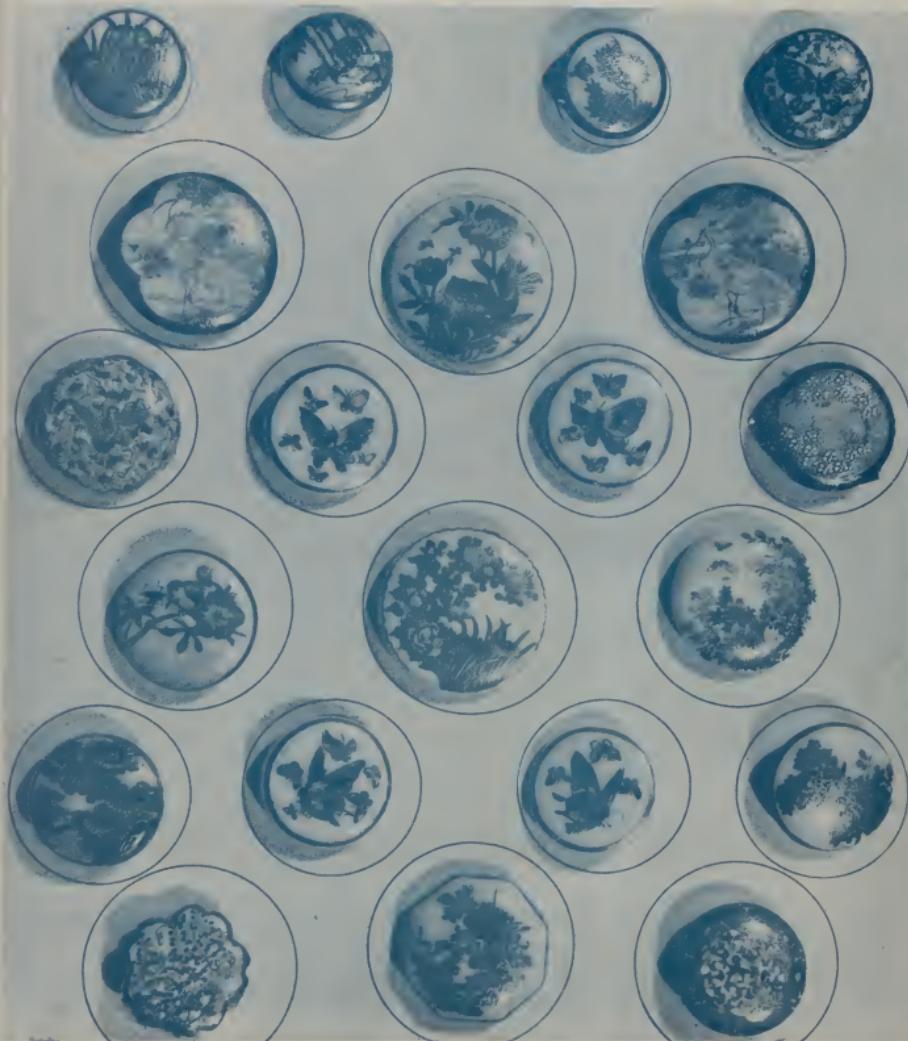
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Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

Bank of Education and Economy

By F. H. GRIFFITH

Education and economy are two words which are probably used with greater frequency today than at any time during our history. We continually hear and read about the importance of education on the television, radio, newspapers, and so on. The same applies to our economy. So these two words, over the years, have continued to attain more important meaning and more frequent usage right up to our present time. Now let's go back a number of years to 1895 and we find ourselves in a period where some foresighted individual or individuals used the two words in combination to appropriately name a mechanical bank. This bank, our choice as No. 106 in the numerical classification, is the Bank Of Education And Economy, and its action and appearance carry through and well illustrates the chosen name. It is a very neat trim bank and is unique and completely different than any of the other mechanicals.

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Unlike a number of the mechanical banks, the background of the Bank Of Education And Economy is easily determined as this information appears in detail on the bank itself. It is unusual for a mechanical bank to be dated and also have the maker's name thereon. On the front, under the name, as shown in the picture, is the date "Patented April 30, 1895" with "Pat's Pend." On the underside of the base appears the name of the concern who made the bank—"Mfg-By Proctor-Raymond Co., Buffalo, N. Y." It is made of cast iron with a nickel plated finish. The top, sides and back are cast with a very attractive scrollwork which definitely adds to the appearance of the bank.

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This does not mean that any Canadian coin is worth a good premium; only the ones that are somewhat difficult to obtain. Those, however, have really risen in value unbelievably fast.

The series has also been aided by the publication of Whitman Canadian coin boards. This has created an interest that hitherto was not there.

Interest, at present, is primarily centered on the decimal series of coins, the large cents on up through silver dollars. Canada's gold series, which was very limited, has risen considerably, too.

The earlier tokens and provincial pieces are still not in great demand. This is understandable as today's collectors seem to like to commence collecting with recent coins and work their way back through the years. Perhaps, a few years hence, these will also enjoy the popularity the rest of the series has.

Canadian silver dollars, first coined in 1935, have many varieties that are in demand. And, while they are only a few years old, they enjoy excellent premiums. Because the 1938 and 1945 silver dollars, in uncirculated condition, are small issues, they now have a catalog value of over \$20 each.

Varieties of the 1947 dollars, one with a pointed "7," the other with

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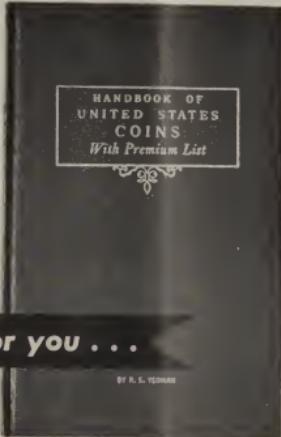
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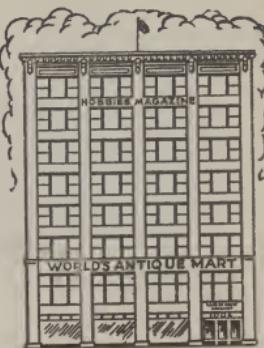
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By F. H. GRIFFITH

Judging by the writer's recent correspondence there exists considerable confusion and misunderstanding concerning certain mechanical banks. In particular there has been an increasing number of letters about the Jolly Nigger (Moves Ears), Dinah, and the Tin Monkey made by J. Chein Company. This confusion seems so widespread that it warrants attention and, therefore, the writer decided to reach all interested parties in this fashion rather than attempting to repeatedly write individual letters on the same subjects.

The bank most often questioned, increasingly so in recent times, is the Jolly Nigger (Moves Ears). This is an English bank which is not necessarily a Jolly Nigger, that is to say this name does not appear on the bank itself. However, all bust type banks of this general appearance are referred to as Jolly Niggers unless some specific name appears on the bank. There were many different types of negro bust banks made in England and some have names thereon and some do not. A man by the name of Starkie designed the original Jolly Nigger (Moves Ears) and his name "Starkie's Pat" appears across the back of the originals as produced under his Registered Design. The ears on his banks are located forward near the eyes on each side of the face. Some were made with a high hat and all were made of aluminum. Now these are the old valuable type of Jolly Nigger (Moves Ears), and only a few originals have been found to date. In 1948 to 1950 a member of the Starkie family registered another type of Jolly Nigger which moves its ears. This bank is quite different than the old type although it too is made of aluminum. It has a waffle like base plate and the initials 'TAD' are cast on this part. This is the easiest way to identify it. The name Starkie does not appear across the back, the ears are centered between the front and back half of the head and not forward by the eyes. This is easily determined by anyone looking at the bank. These recent types with movable ears do not have value as collector's items and it will undoubtedly be some years before they do.

In all cases where people have written to the writer thinking they have a valuable bank they have had the modern type of Jolly Nigger with moving ears. So caution is advised to anyone who is offered a bank of this type. Please let it be understood that there is nothing wrong about any of this situation as both type banks are authentic, the only wrong that can happen is if an individual knowingly offers one of the modern type as an old one. And there is nothing anyone can do to control a circumstance of this kind.

Now another factor enters the picture here, and this has to do with exaggerated values placed on the old original Jolly Nigger (Moves Ears). This has occurred in recent years through the issuing of value lists on mechanical banks by some individuals who know nothing about mechanical banks or their value. They just publish something and some degree of authenticity is obtained merely by the fact that it is published. This misleading information does harm and no good to the hobby. As example, an inflated value will be placed on the Jolly Nigger (Moves Ears), and some really much more valuable bank will be listed at a lesser value. This helps no one, collector or dealer alike. Please understand that the old Jolly Nigger (Moves Ears) is a good mechanical bank and commands a fair price, however, along with some of the other mechanical banks certain spurious value lists have placed them beyond their present day worth. Transversely others are valued below their present day worth. Unfortunately this may sound confusing and it is, particularly to those not too well versed on the subject of mechanical banks such as new collectors or dealers who come into the field.

Generally speaking, mechanical banks as to price have been pretty much a hush-hush proposition for years, especially so with the very desirable rare banks. In years past some rather accurate price value lists have been published, however, these have become outdated within a relative short period of their publication. Some of these lists of a few years back do have value as a guidepost, but they are no longer

obtainable. After all, when all is said and done, the buyer and seller, plus supply and demand, establish prices, and mechanical banks, along with paperweights, coins, and some other collectibles have advanced rapidly in price, particularly in the past fifteen years or so. And all indications are that they will continue to advance if we are to judge by past performances.

Now briefly to Dinah, another English bank. The type with the cast iron arm or "flowing sleeve" is somewhat more desirable than the later type pressed steel arm. The Dinah Bank is one of the only mechanicals which has come down in price. This is due to the fact that persistent effort in seeking banks in England has resulted in quite a few Dinahs turning up in recent years. One must remember that the bust type of bank was an English specialty and they were very popular in their day. The Jolly Nigger (High Hat) is another mechanical that has leveled off in price along with Dinah, which is against the trend, but with a definite reason. Numbers have turned up and thus a proper level of value has been established. This does not lessen their desirability, only their price. Also this does not affect other of the rare desirable English banks as they just don't turn up. These banks have continued to increase in value and desirability. Dinah, Jolly Nigger (High Hat), and some of the other Jolly Nigger busts are simply re-establishing their price level in a proper area compared to the rest of the mechanical banks.

As to the tin Monkey Bank made by J. Chein where a deposited coin causes the monkey to tip his hat, this was made in the 1940's. It cannot be considered as an antique collectible bank, and while they have been offered for sale by some antique dealers, this has not changed the facts. Most certainly at some time in the future the bank will probably be listed and have a collector's value, but it is of too recent manufacture to be listed at this time. This also applies to the Uncle Wiggily and Clown Bust made by Chein in the same period.

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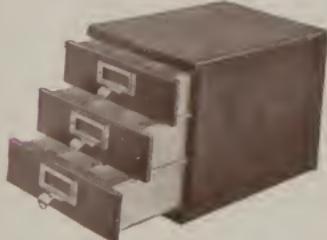
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Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

Mechanical Bank Ramblings

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A considerable number of the letters received by the writer concerning mechanical banks consists of questions which are quite often of general interest to all collectors of these interesting animated toy savings devices, and for that matter to dealers as well. Continuing along with the same trend as last month's article, it is felt by the writer that a few more of these questions are worthy of attention and important enough to be dealt with here in this fashion. Naturally all queries received by the writer cannot be answered in article form, some, however, do bear special attention and are important enough from a general information standpoint.

Getting back to the English mechanicals, we must realize that there has been greater and increasing interest in these banks in more or less recent times. This is quite natural as in the earlier days of collecting mechanical banks a far greater degree of concentration and effort was placed on finding the ones made in our country. They offered the line of least resistance, were more readily available and obtainable, and for some of these earlier years the English banks just didn't have the same recognition and acceptance. This seeming lack of interest in English banks was mainly due to the fact that no one knew anything about them and they just were not available. No one had ever taken the time and effort to dig into the situation and ferret out the facts as to what banks were made over there, where they were made, by what company, and so on. More misinformation and conjecture existed than actual truth and this didn't help the situation any and, as a matter of fact, retarded it. It is not necessary to go into detail here as to the effort and time put into correcting the foreign mechanical bank problem in general, and the English banks in particular. Suffice to say that today we have considerable information and background. The English banks, as well as German and others, have all come into their own and are no longer mysteries in most cases.

It has been well pointed out that the bust type bank was a very popular item in England, and the Dinah, Jolly Nigger (High Hat),

and some others have re-established a value level. They were made over a period of years in considerable quantities and persistent effort in seeking them out has resulted in a number being found. Do not, however, be misled by this as some of the later bust type banks are very hard to find as they were made in smaller quantities and manufactured for a short period of time. Little Moe and the Clown Bust are typical examples of this fact. Also concentrated effort for some years now has resulted in changing the situation on fine rare banks like the Football Bank, Wimbleton, Tommy Bank, Giant In Tower, and John Bull's Money Box, to name a few. At this stage of the game it's fairly safe to say that things will remain pretty much as they are with English banks. A great deal of interest has been generated in England in seeking out and looking for mechanical banks, and the general situation over there is now comparable to that in the United States. In closing on the English and foreign banks for the present, it bears mention as to the surprising number of American made mechanical banks that have turned up in England. This is not really too surprising when one considers the numbers of mechanical banks that were exported to England by some manufacturers in the United States, in particular the J. & E. Stevens Company. The opposite is true in our case, as most of the English banks have turned up in England, with a scattering of them being found in our country.

Now we will try to settle the problem of the Feed The Kitty Bank. Facts are facts and when they are known there is not much point in disputing them. The Feed The Kitty Bank was never manufactured commercially or put on the market for sale to the public. All examples of this bank that exist today were made some years ago by a party in the East who borrowed the original patent pattern model from the New York inventor himself, cast a number of examples of the bank and painted them to look old and so on. This was not done with the consent of the inventor. In any event, there is no such thing as an authentic Feed

The Kitty Bank and there never will be. There is an authentic pattern of the bank and that's all there is. As a pattern it is in a class with some of the other pattern banks such as the Blacksmith, Twin Bank, and Hall's Yankee Notion Bank, which, like Feed The Kitty, were never produced commercially. Some patterns of commercially produced mechanical banks also exist. The existing patterns of banks, however, form their own group and are known as such. Now if a collector wants to have one of the Feed The Kitty Banks in his collection, it is certainly his privilege to do so, but it's something else again if he represents it as an authentic mechanical bank, as this it can never be. It is simply an oddity, the same as Long May It Wave and the Carnival Bank. One slight difference in the fact that these two banks were represented as authentic banks when sold some years ago.

This leads us back to certain individuals who have published supposedly authentic rating and value lists on mechanical banks when they actually have limited knowledge on the subject: Feed The Kitty, Carnival, Long May It Wave, and others have been listed as authentic mechanical banks. This is only misleading to both collector and dealer and it is hoped by the writer that the information herein will clarify the situation.

In closing, there is another frequently questioned problem and this has to do with the percentage or degree of decrease in value of repaired banks or banks with replaced figures or parts as compared to complete original specimens. This is an involved problem and will be dealt with in the near future since it is quite a subject in itself. So to all those who have written on this problem be advised that this subject will be covered.

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SAFEGUARD COIN COLLECTIONS

By CHARLES FRENCH

With the present value of rare coins, keeping a coin collection safe is becoming a constantly increasing problem.

For many decades American collectors have kept their coin collections in their homes, usually neatly arranged in coin cabinets so that they were always handy for inspection and display to interested friends.

Some of the finest collections would hardly be worth more than a few thousand dollars in such times. But today values have increased to such an astronomical degree as to make it inadvisable to keep coin collections in such a careless manner.

True, many collectors still do so. Many others protect their collections in their homes with burglar alarms, safes, and such (which of course are necessary if one wishes to insure one's collection). While these are safeguards, they are not fool-proof, for a collector is still subject to hold-up hazards.

Many collectors safeguard their collections by keeping quiet about them, using P.O. Box numbers instead of addresses. This has been quite successful.

Of course, the best is to keep one's coin collection in a safe-deposit box, having at home in one's safe only that part of one's collection that is to be looked over, worked on, or readied for display.

There have been, in the past few years, several organized gangs of professional thieves that have systematically endeavored to steal coin collections.

They burglarize collectors' homes, steal automobiles known to have coin

collections in them, and prey on dealers and collectors at hotels during conventions. I believe detailing some of the ways in which they operate will help protect those having coin collections of value.

One collector's home was broken into. His watch-dog (a police dog) was befriended and taken up and locked in the attic room. The house was ransacked. No coins were found for they were kept in the room where the dog had been locked in!

Recently, in Philadelphia, a well-known collector that has displayed his collection quite a bit in banks and other public places had his home broken into. All or the major part of his collection was stolen.

A dealer, recently leaving a Washington convention, stopped at a motor lodge in Newcastle, Del., for lunch. He must have been followed, for after lunch and upon inspecting the trunk of his car, he found all contents gone, over \$30,000 in rare coins, clothes, everything. Right in broad daylight.

Locked trunks are not a security, for such keys are not fool-proof.

A couple of years ago a dealer checked out of his hotel room in the morning and went into the dining-room for breakfast. While he was in there a stranger went to the head porter saying, "I have just checked out of room so and so. Please go up and get my bags."

This was done. The merchandise was handed to the stranger. He promptly left by taxi. Loss? \$20,000 worth of coins. This occurred at a hotel in Miami, Fla.

Another dealer had his car stolen. Because he had a special lock on his trunk they backed his car into a tree to get it open, and stole the contents.

Many of these thieves have been apprehended and some of the stolen merchandise returned, for the activities of some of the associations have brought in the FBI, and, today, burglarizing coins is not as attractive as it was.

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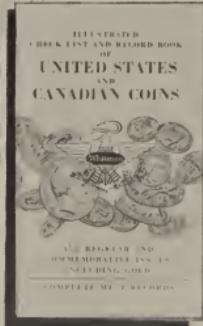
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Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

National Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

Every mechanical bank has its own individual points of interest and each has its own particular appeal. Some are especially attractive, some have extra clever action, others have appealing subject matter, and so on. The individual banks then, of course, form into different groups and these groupings are of considerable interest since each has its special points of appeal.

The idea of grouping banks into certain categories such as historical, bust, buildings, shooting, and circus, and so on, is not only a basically good idea to begin with, but it also offers collectors the opportunity of getting together certain banks that have special interest to the respective collector. As an example, elephants in all forms, shapes and sizes were a favorite of the late James C. Jones, an early collector of mechanical banks. So naturally the group of mechanical banks comprising this category were of greatest interest to him, although he collected all types.

Now another factor of importance

in placing mechanical banks into certain categories has to do with the spiraling prices of these desirable collector items. Frankly speaking, a considerable amount of money can be invested if one attempts to collect all the known mechanical banks—this plus the fact that many are not available at any price. So by forming the banks into groups it does enable a person to specialize in a certain field of collecting mechanical banks. The same as with coins, stamps, and other collectibles. In this fashion the investment involved is considerably less, one is actually collecting banks but just not trying to get all the different types. Please understand the writer is not recommending any particular field or group as his interest lies in all of them and he collects all the types of mechanical banks that were made. However, like all collectors, he has his special favorites and reasons for liking one bank more than another.

Actually the writer has stressed the grouping of mechanical banks

largely due to the fact of so often hearing the remark as to how an average person can collect or start a collection in today's market. Well it's up to the discretion of each individual and certainly a good conservative method of approach is to specialize in one or more of the various groups.

A very interesting fine category of banks is the building type group. In this category are some of the more common up to some of the rarest and most desirable banks. As we reach No. 107 in the numerical classification we have chosen the National Bank which well represents the building type of bank. The National can also be placed in another category—the cashier or actual "bank" type of bank. It is not unusual for a bank to fit into several different groups. As example, there are a number of cashier or "bank" type banks such as Hall's Excelsior, Magic, Home, Novelty, Hall's Lilliput, and so on. All these also belong in the building group of banks. Then the Magic Bank can be placed in a third group, the magic type itself. So a collector who may wish to specialize in the building type can acquire some very interesting specimens with good variety.

The National Bank was patented August 5, 1873 by H. W. Prouty of Boston, Mass. The patent papers are quite detailed and explicit and contain five diagrams of the bank. J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn., most likely manufactured the bank and in so doing they followed the pattern papers very closely, the finished product being practically identical to that described and pictured in the papers.

The specimen shown is owned by Leon Perelman who is doing a very commendable job of formulating a good collection of mechanical banks. Mr. Perelman obtained the bank a few years back from the late Henry Miller, a dealer who specialized in the field of cast iron toys. This example of the National Bank has the name in raised letters. Some others, including the writer's example, have the name thereon in the same fashion, but the letters are not raised. The bank shown is in good original condition and painted as follows: The roof is red with yellow eaves; the front, back and sides of the building are a cream white, and the ornate filigreed windows (one each side and back) are green. Outlining of various parts is done in blue and the base is yellow. The name National Bank is in black and the wording "Receiving Teller" appears on the inside of the door. The figure of the teller is tin covered with a printed paper.

To operate the bank a small brass knob on the door is pulled forward, this causes the door to turn on a center axis. In turning the door a full half revolution it snaps into place in the position shown in the accompanying photograph. As the door revolves into position the figure of the teller (inside the bank) moves



from the right to the left and centers itself to appear in back of the opening in the door. A coin is then placed on the tray located on the door, the operator presses the small brass knob to the right, the door rapidly snaps closed throwing the coin into the bank, and the teller moves swiftly to the right inside the bank and disappears from view. The bank must be reset each time a coin is to be deposited.

The National Bank is a rather difficult item to find, particularly in good condition. It is an early item as mechanical banks go and apparently was not made in any great quantities nor over a long period of time. The writer has never seen one of these banks in what he would call fine or mint condition.

CORRECTION

For the sake of accuracy, this will correct an omission in the fifth sentence of the third paragraph in the October issue. The sentence corrected will read: "Also concentrated effort for some years now has not resulted in changing the situation on fine, rare banks like the Football Bank, Wimbledon, Tommy Bank, Giant In Tower, and John Bull's Money Box, to name a few."

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Medals for Numismatists

By CHARLES FRENCH

In the last couple of years, I would venture to say, somewhere around 150 new medals have been put out—in copper, silver, and, in some instances other metals, such as gold—in limited quantities.

They have been issued to commemorate practically everything from baseball players to presidents, famous flyers to state anniversaries. In fact it seems most subjects have been commemorated in one or more of these medals.

The prices charged for them is comparative with today's costs and apparently many collectors have gone for them in a big way. The problem of the future is, what will they be worth?

Some are not government issued, but made privately, and therefore lack that "authentic" touch government issues have. There are no guarantees that any of them will not be reissued if demand requires.

The United States Mint has been issuing medals for the last 150 years. Today, one can secure practically all medals that the Mint has issued, currently struck, in a beautiful gold bronze.

They are, without question, the finest struck medals obtainable, and of beautiful artistic design. Believe it or not, they are more reasonable than some privately struck medals so currently popular. It must also be remembered that Mint issues have the "authentic touch" of being government issue.

Another beautiful medal series are

those large bronze medals issued twice a year by the Society of Medallists. These lovely medals are designed by the world's greatest sculptors. The medals vary in size from around 60MM to 100MM, and, for the most part, sell for \$5 each, which is exceedingly reasonable for what is obtained.

The subjects of these medals can be on any theme, but show a tendency to favor the humanities. This Society originally was started by a group of men who loved medals and has had them issued at practically cost for the pure beauty of their products.

It is interesting to contrast these with some of the medals currently being issued. For the most part they are about the silver half dollar size. Some, I understand, sell for around \$10 each.

The present medal boom has commercial aspects. Whether the purchaser later will realize on their investment I think is questionable.

We have seen high prices quoted on some back issues. But we have noticed that some of the issues which were being offered at these high prices a short time ago, are now down to their original prices.

Probably the reason the Mint medals, and those issued by the Society of Medallists, are not sought as much as the others is the fact that they are not actively pushed, or advertised. They are designed for the connoisseur in medals. The serious medal collector must seek out these sources.

I would like to suggest that serious medal collectors should discuss this matter with fellow collectors who are cognizant of what are the right medals for numismatists to collect, and where to acquire them. Perhaps this can be accomplished through their local coin clubs.

Information on the United States Mint medals can be secured by writing the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. The Society of Medallists has been making medals for numismatists for over 30 years and information can be secured from them at their office, 115 East 40th St., New York 16, N. Y.

To the new medal collectors who want to secure medals for invest-

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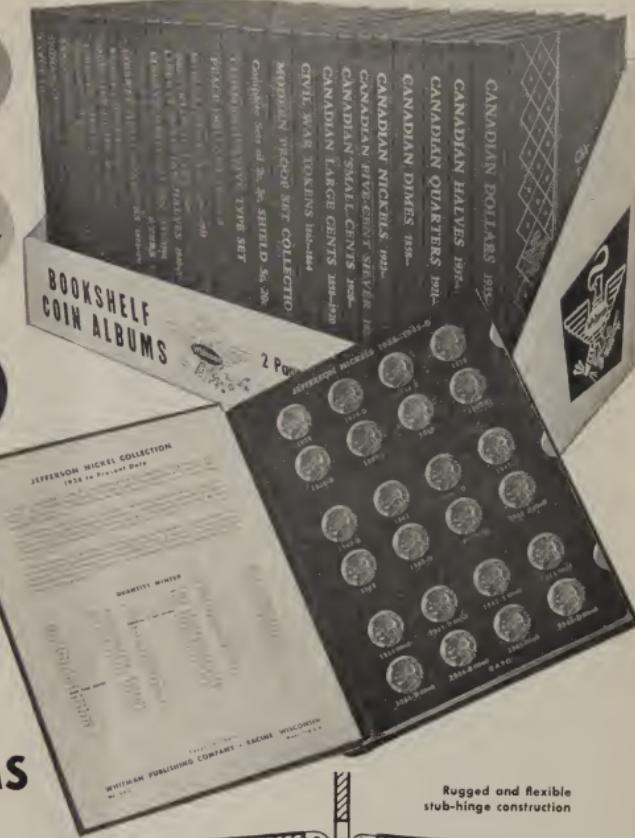
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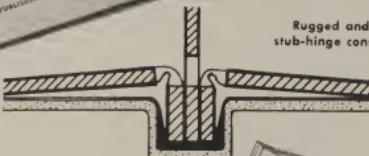
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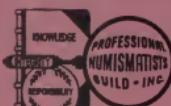
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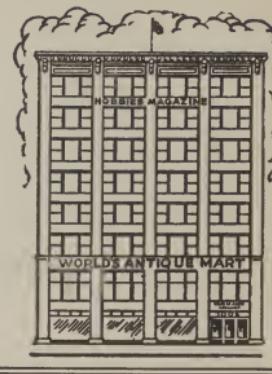
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Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

Classifying two mechanical banks in the same article is a complete departure from all previous articles since their inception. Since, however, both the Grenadier, No. 108 in the numerical classification, and Volunteer, No. 109, are so much alike, each made in England, and each a direct copy of our Creedmore Bank, they lend themselves very well to being written up together.

Before going further, let it be understood that the bank pictured is the Grenadier and not our popular Creedmore. The writer is being specific about this since there have been numerous occasions whereby Creedmore Banks have been mistaken for either the Volunteer or Grenadier. This was further emphasized by the fact that for numbers of years there was some uncertainty about the authenticity of the Grenadier and Volunteer and some thought existed as to their being recast specimens of the Creedmore with the name altered in each case. This is not so and the Volunteer and Grenadier are authentic English mechanical banks, although they were copied from our Creedmore.

The Grenadier Bank pictured is from the collection of Leon Perelman and he obtained it from an antique dealer who had purchased the bank in England. It is in very nice condition and painted as follows: The base has a grass-like surface in green, the tree trunk is brown with a yellow top and white target section. The soldier has grey trousers, black coat with yellow belt, and a red cape. His hat is red with a yellow band and he has flesh color face and hands.

Grenadier Bank Volunteer Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

To operate the bank the coin firing mechanism is set in place by pushing back on the small wedge-shaped piece on top of the gun barrel. In so doing this causes the head of the figure to tilt forward as though taking aim. A coin is then placed on the barrel and the right foot of the figure is depressed. This triggers the mechanism and the coin is fired into the tree striking a bell therein. The head, at the same time, returns to the position as shown in the picture. To further add to the action a powder cap can be inserted in the provided section of the gun, and this is fired as the coin goes into the tree.

Please note the hat on the specimen pictured. This is similar to our Creedmore, which, however, does not have the peak. The Grenadier was also made with a different type hat. This type, which is the one the writer has, is about twice as high and has a very small peak. The name "Grenadier" appears inscribed on the base plate in either case, and other than the hat the banks are identical.

The Volunteer Bank is painted similarly to the Grenadier and operates in the same fashion. All known Volunteer Banks, however, have a hat just like our Creedmore, with no peak.

Neither the Grenadier or Volunteer have a date shown on the bank, only the name in each case. It is known, however, from old English catalogs in the writer's possession that they were made in the period of the 1890's. It is interesting to note that the original illustrations of the Grenadier show the bank with the higher type hat and small peak.

The name Grenadier has some significance. In England in the mid 17th century a special group of powerful soldiers with exceptional physiques was formed as a military employment within the companies. This special group of soldiers, termed the Grenades, consisted of individuals known as Grenadiers. They wore a distinctive type uniform and a mitre shaped hat which was more appropriate to throwing grenades. The Grenadiers were mainly used in siege and trench warfare. After the 18th century they were retained as storm troops. In the British Army the Grenadiers were a special task force until around 1850, then in World War I they were trained in the firing of rifles, as well as throwing grenades. After this war they disappeared as a unit as all infantrymen were trained to throw grenades and so on. In general the terminology "Grenadier" has always referred to a member of a special regiment or corps, as example, a Grenadier of Napoleon's Guard.

The name Volunteer also has some significance. The term "Volunteer" originated in England around 1757 and its usage was in general reference to soldiers who were not professionals or not permanently under arms. They were put in and out of service over the years. In 1863 a new act was passed whereby all volunteers were to be immediately reorganized upon any possibility of an expected invasion. There were several occasions of reorganization and one of the last was in 1907 and 1908. This marked one of the last reorganizations under the name of Volunteers. They are now called the Territorials or the Territorial Army.

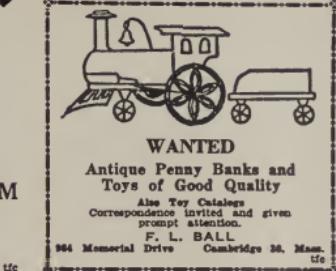
In conclusion, there is no question but that the Volunteer and Grenadier Banks were copied from our Creedmore, whose original date of manufacture is considerably earlier than either of the two English banks. However, while very much alike, there are differences in the castings, particularly on the tree section, the hats, and so on. Generally, appearance-wise, they are very similar, operate the same, and are even painted similarly. Some, however, have red coats with black capes, but this is of no particular significance.



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For the last two years it was rolls of uncirculated coins. Before that it was proof sets. Now it seems to be commemoratives—all kinds, gold and silver.

When the first commemorative coins were struck in 1892 to celebrate the World's Fair in Chicago, few thought this was the beginning of a series that would become so popular.

At first commemoratives were not thought much of. They were considered something of a nuisance by financial institutions because of their conflicting designs. Many got into circulation for they sold for very little, if any, premium.

There were interested collectors, but they were few and far between. An issue of, say, 25,000 coins was far greater than the number of collectors. Therefore many new issues were returned to the mint to be melted. Some also went into circulation.

The first big boom commemoratives had was in the 1934-1936 era. During that time the largest quantities of different issues made their appearance.

Everybody wanted to get on the band wagon. When some issues were limited to 10,000 coins, collectors and speculators scrambled to get as many as they could. Prices were quoted per 100 coins and records were made.

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Collectors began to complain. Speculators, they said, were getting all the coins, and they could not get their single pieces or sets from the distributors. Being forced to buy from the speculators, the prices collectors had to pay were terrific.

Distributors were starting to issue innumerable minor varieties which created rarities, and sold more coins. In those days a 25,000 issue usually could be absorbed by the market, but for those larger than that there was difficulty in distributing all of the coins.

In the summer of 1936, the stock market crashed. Several months later, this and the general feeling of collectors, caused a severe decline in commemorative prices.

Collectors that had quantities either had to dump their commemoratives at low prices, or put them away and forget them. Thus ended commemoratives' first big boom.

From that time on, there has been a gradual increase in attention to this interesting series. The coins were always available and could be bought for fair prices.

The constant increase in their popularity gradually was reflected in a slow rise in values over the years, until, two years ago, they finally reached a value that was comparable to what they had been worth at the peak of the 1934-1936 boom.

Now, it has been realized that this quiet, even distribution of the former hoards has spread out the coins exceedingly well. Few, if any own quantities of any issue. The coins are in the hands of collectors, and their numbers have grown manifold.

Since the latest boom, prices are skyrocketing so fast and so high as to make the 1936 boom look like a baby. The issues that are being affected most are those that were 10,000 coins and less, but others have been affected, too.

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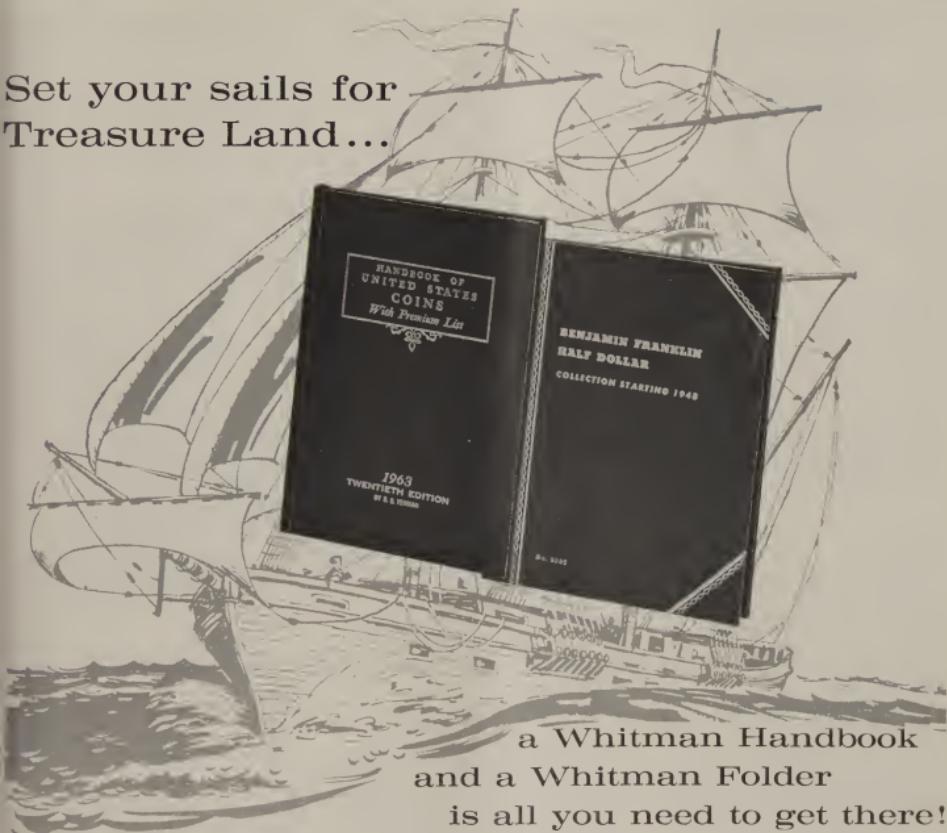
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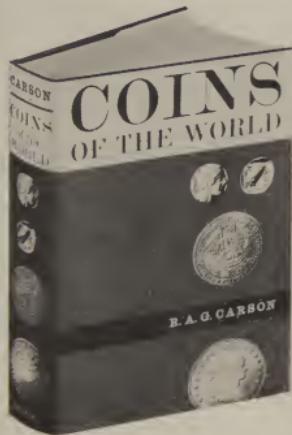
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